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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for establishing a collaborative training session, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) receiving information indicative of a goal;
 - (b) prompting a user to enter a response congruent with the goal;
 - (c) receiving the response to the goal;
 - (d) calculating a level of congruency to achieve the goal by:
 - (d)(i) determining a first factor corresponding to an overall progress of the user in the collaborative training session;
 - (d)(ii) determining a second factor corresponding to a plurality of specified aspects of the response that includes a correctness measure of the response and a delivery characteristic measure associated with presenting the response by the user; and
 - (d)(iii) combining the first factor and the second factor to obtain the level of congruency; and
 - (e) providing feedback to the user from a collaborative session reflecting the level of congruency to assist the user in achieving the goal.
2. **(Original)** A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the method is executed on a plurality of servers that are coupled through a computer network.
3. **(Original)** A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 2, wherein the computer network supports Internet Protocol (IP).

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4. **(Original)** A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 2, wherein the computer network includes a Local Area Network (LAN).
5. **(Original)** A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 2, wherein the computer network includes a Wide Area Network (WAN).
6. **(Original)** A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the training session is presented using prerecorded multimedia.
7. **(Original)** A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the training session is presented using real-time multimedia.
8. **(Original)** A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the level of congruency is calculated by a virtual director engine.
9. **(Original)** A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 8, wherein the virtual director engine is resident on a plurality of servers which are coupled through a computer network.
10. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for establishing a collaborative training session, comprising:
 - (a) logic that receives information indicative of a goal;
 - (b) logic that prompts a user to enter a response congruent with the goal;
 - (c) logic that receives the response to the goal;
 - (d) logic that calculates a level of congruency to achieve the goal by:
 - (d)(i) logic that determines a first factor corresponding to an overall progress of the user in the collaborative training session;
 - (d)(ii) logic that determines a second factor corresponding to a plurality of specified aspects of the response that includes a correctness measure of the response and a delivery characteristic measure associated with presenting the response by the user, and

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(d)(iii) logic that combines the first factor and the second factor to obtain the level of congruency; and

(e) logic that provides feedback to the user from a collaborative session reflecting the level of congruency to assist the user in achieving the goal.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session, comprising:

(a) a code segment that receives information indicative of a goal;

(b) a code segment that prompts a user to enter a response congruent with the goal;

(c) a code segment that receives the response to the goal;

(d) a code segment that calculates a level of congruency to achieve the goal by

(d)(i) a code segment that determines a first factor corresponding to an overall progress of the user in the collaborative training session;

(d)(ii) a code segment that determines a second factor corresponding to a plurality of specified aspects of the response that includes a correctness measure of the response and a delivery characteristic measure associated with presenting the response to the user; and

(d)(iii) a code segment that combines the first factor and the second factor to obtain the level of congruency; and

(e) a code segment that provides feedback to the user from a collaborative session reflecting the level of congruency to assist the user in achieving the goal.

12. **(Original)** A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the computer program is resident on a plurality of servers which are coupled through a computer network.

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13. **(Original)** A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 12, wherein the computer network supports Internet Protocol (IP).
14. **(Original)** A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 12, wherein the computer network includes a Local Area Network (LAN).
15. **(Original)** A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 12, wherein the computer network includes a Wide Area Network (WAN).
16. **(Original)** A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the training session is presented using prerecorded multimedia.
17. **(Original)** A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the training session is presented using real-time multimedia.
18. **(Original)** A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the level of congruency is calculated by a virtual director engine.
19. **(Original)** A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 18, wherein the virtual director engine is resident on a plurality of servers that are coupled through a computer network.
20. **Cancelled**